

EXPLOSION WRECKS JAMISON NO. 7; SOME LIVES ARE LOST

ALLIES PLAN TO WEAR DOWN THE GERMAN DEFENCE

That Has Been Plan Since Beginning of the Big Push.

WHAT THE PRISONERS SAY

Germany Thought at First Somme Offensive Last Entente Effort.

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British front in France, Oct. 18, via London, Oct. 19.—The war will last another year according to the consensus of opinion among British soldiers and their leaders.

It is also the opinion of the Germans if the views of prisoners count for anything.

Before the grand offensive started, a high authority informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the German lines would not be broken this summer and that a slow operation wearing down the Germans would be inaugurated and would probably last throughout another summer. With the approach of winter conditions, which make military movements difficult, this officer recalled his prediction and speaking of the situation today he said:

"We know what the German resources were and what ours were and the time required to force a decisive victory for our arms is a matter of calculation."

German prisoners taken during the summer invariably spoke of peace being certain in the autumn. They regarded the Somme front as a final effort of the allies for a decision and that after it peace would be made. Their tone has been entirely different of late. They recognize that it is a fight to a finish between the man power and the resources of the two foes and that an ultimate decision will come from the fearful attrition on the western front which now will allow no intermission until the end.

Hughes Talks to People of Michigan

SAGINAW, Mich., Oct. 19.—Charles E. Hughes delivered two speeches here and at Bay City today before audiences that packed the halls where he spoke. The nominee assailed the administration for the Underwood tariff and the Adamson law and repeated his denial of the charge that a vote for him means a vote for war.

The Weather

West Virginia—Rain and colder to night; Friday rain and much colder, except rain or snow in mountains.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS  
 F. P. Hall, Observer  
 Temperature at 8 a. m. today 53.  
 Yesterday weather cloudy; temperature, maximum 60; minimum 38; precipitation .95.

LAMBERT MURPHY  
 Metropolitan Tenor  
 Grand Opera House  
 TONIGHT  
 Tickets 50c, 75c and \$1.00.  
 Martin's Drug Store.

NOTICE  
 City taxes will be due and payable at the City Treasurer's office, Monroe Street, Monday, October 2 1916. A discount of 2½% will be allowed on all taxes  
 J. R. MILLER,  
 Treasurer.

GREAT CAMPAIGN MYSTERY SOLVED BY A CONFESSION

Everybody Happy But Laborers in the Democratic Rumor Factory.

AND A BUTTON SALESMAN

But He Will Be Compensated by a Lot of Free Publicity.

CLARKSBURG, Oct. 19.—Democratic newspapers have been printing a picture of a watch fob on which is a picture of Governor Hatfield, and the inscription "H. D. Hatfield for U. S. Senator." Governor Hatfield, in an address in Marion county several days ago, took cognizance of this petty method of campaigning, and said that he was in total ignorance of the origin of this advertising fob, and did not understand purpose of it but yet he believed it to be a Democratic plot. The truth of the origin of the fob is contained in a letter written to National Committeeman V. L. Highland, by C. R. Caperton, representing a Richmond firm which does a business of advertising novelties and signs. An exact copy of Mr. Caperton's letter to Mr. Highland, follows:

BASTIAN BROS. CO.,  
 Manufacturers of  
 Advertising Novelties & Signs  
 C. R. Caperton, Representative,  
 513 Travelers Building,  
 Phone Randolph 6148,  
 Richmond, Va.,  
 This letter written from  
 Union, W. Va.,  
 Oct. 16, 1916.  
 Mr. V. L. Highland, Nat. Com.,  
 Clarksburg, W. Va.  
 Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry regarding samples of campaign advertising matter showing portrait of Governor Hatfield and wording "for U. S. Senator—H. D. Hatfield," I beg to say that I had these made up about twelve months ago. At that time I was informed that Governor Hatfield would in all probability be a candidate for the Senate and I procured a photograph (I think I got it from a photographer in Charleston) and had several samples prepared so as to have them on hand when I would be making my regular January trip to West Virginia.

Before I started on the trip I learned that Governor Hatfield would not be a candidate and I merely put one or two samples of the article in my case to illustrate campaign work on buttons, watch fobs, etc.

So far Governor Hatfield is concerned as never, to my knowledge seen, of these samples and probably does not know they were ever made up.

It is my regular method of beating the other fellow to it to have actual samples, with portrait and wording all properly shown and flash them on the prospective candidate at the earliest possible opportune moment.

No one except me and my factory knew of the preparation of the Hatfield samples until I came to West Virginia this year, and in every instance where they were shown I have related the joke on me, viz I was a little too previous in preparing the samples.

Of course no order for them was ever placed with me, and only two or three samples of each article are in existence. Very truly yours,  
 C. R. CAPERTON  
 Division Manager, Bastian Bros. Co.

Liquor Makes Joe's \$11 Seem to Him \$42

Joe August of Kilarm spent the night in jail suffering with a lapse of consciousness due to alcohol. By dawn he was able to see good and by police court time he was in good shape. He paid \$5 for his fun and was robbed of \$11. Yesterday when he was locked up he claimed he was robbed of \$42. Hugh Crawford, of Jamison No. 9 and Mrs. Nellie Yates were arrested yesterday afternoon by officer Carl Kern charged with illegal cohabitation. They pleaded guilty and were each fined \$10. Crawford paid both fines. The two were arrested in an Italian rooming house on Water street.

Subs Off Coast to Be Regular Affair

(By Associated Press)  
 AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19.—The Volks Zeitung of Cologne, says: "German submarines will operate in the future in the western Atlantic. They will visit the well known shipping route around the eastern point of Nantucket island and will sink British merchantmen after giving crews an opportunity to save themselves."  
 The newspaper believes this activity will influence the supplying of food especially grain, bacon and lard to England.

ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY—HERE'S THE PROOF.

STATE TAX PER CAPITA  
 WEST VIRGINIA \$2.75  
 THE LOWEST IN THE UNION  
 THAT LOOKS GOOD TO ME!  
 THERE'S SOMETHING FOR THEM TO READ!  
 STATE TAX PER CAPITA  
 MARYLAND \$8.33  
 PENNA 4.23  
 VIRGINIA 3.46  
 OHIO 3.65  
 NEW YORK 10.58  
 WISCONSIN 7.40  
 CALIFORNIA 16.02  
 FLORIDA 3.99  
 MAINE 8.16  
 NEBRASKA 4.90

FLYING SQUADRON TO BE IN FAIRMONT

Unique Campaigning Stunt in the Interest of Equal Suffrage.

(Correspondence Associated Press)

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Oct. 19.—A corps of the Flying Squadron of men and women speakers who are making a final great drive over the State for the adoption of the equal suffrage amendment, will be in Fairmont on Tuesday evening, October 24. This unique campaigning stunt is the sensation of the fight for votes for women. It has set the political woods afire with enthusiasm for the suffrage cause and is winning thousands of votes.

The corps of the Squadron which will be heard in this city next Tuesday comprises Mrs. Nellie McClung, the great Canadian orator, to whose efforts is largely due the many recent equal franchise victories in the Dominion. She is a marvelous orator and is looked on by many as the most convincing and pleasing speaker now before the public.

Howard L. Swisher, of Morgantown, is another eloquent speaker who will address Fairmonters at the Tuesday night affair. Mr. Swisher is well known and needs no introduction. All who have heard him in times past will be delighted to listen to his appeal for the adoption of the pending amendment.

Completing the trio of the Aviators is Mrs. Flora Annab Williams, of Wheeling, who will sing several solos. Mrs. Williams has long been a member of the choir of the First Presbyterian church of her home city.

Snow Covers Parts of Three Central States

(By Associated Press)  
 OMAHA, Oct. 19.—A rain and sleet storm which lasted most of night turned to snow this morning. Snow fell heavily through forenoon. The storm extended practically over all of South Dakota, Nebraska and western Iowa. From Norfolk, Neb., four inches of snow was reported.

Germans Admit Loss of Bremen

(By Associated Press)  
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Loss of the German submarine merchantman Bremen virtually was conceded today by ranking Teutonic diplomats in position to be familiar with the movements of the vessel. The Bremen is now one month away from home.

Red Tape Cut to Make Dog Happy

DIGNIFIED GENERALS UNDERSTAND PLEADINGS OF A LITTLE GIRL.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Ponderous governmental machinery stood stock still today while a thirteen year old girl stood before a group of dignified generals and tearfully pleaded for the life of a little yellow dog.

She was Esther Smiley, of Maryland, sister of Private Peter Smiley, a recruit in the United States Marine Corps, and the dog she held in her arms had been Peter's playmate since youth.

"Rover will surely die of grief unless you send him on to my brother," he little girl sobbed.

And wonder of wonders, the dignified generals understood the little girl's plea, and, acting instantly to preclude the embarrassing of Rover in the red tape of officialdom, gave the necessary instructions, and within an hour the faithful playmate of Private Peter Smiley was crated up ready for shipment to the Marine Corps recruit depot, Port Royal, S. C., where Peter is in training for the land and sea duties of marines.

SOUTH VISITED BY STORM AND QUAKE

Only Two Lives Were Lost Yesterday as Far as is Known.

(By Associated Press)  
 MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 19.—Southern Alabama and Western Florida were recovering today from the hurricane which swept out of the gulf across this coast, causing two deaths and property and marine loss.

Although the wind attained greater velocity than that which accompanied the storm of last July, both Mobile and Pensacola, the chief cities in the hurricane's path suffered far less damage. The total loss in the two cities probably will not exceed \$100,000.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 19.—A distinct earthquake shock that in some instances knocked small articles off shelves was felt in and around Atlanta a few minutes after 4 p. m. today.

Reports reaching here tonight show that the shock felt in Atlanta was felt generally throughout the southeast. Overturned chimneys were reported from some districts but there was no news of serious damage anywhere.

CLARKSBURG ROAD TIED UP BY WRECK

Broken Rail Causes Engine and Two Cars to Leave the Tracks.

Train No. 3, engine 2003, Clarksburg to Pittsburgh morning train which leaves Fairmont at 8 o'clock, was derailed at Middleton at 6:40 o'clock this morning and the road was tied up for several hours.

The engine, mail car and express car jumped the track because of a broken rail it is said. No damage or injuries resulted.

Trains No. 62 and 2 were consolidated here and run to Clarksburg via Grafton arriving at Clarksburg two hours late. Train No. 3 arrived at 3 p. m. The equipment of Train No. 2 was run from Fairmont to Pittsburgh, leaving Fairmont one hour late. The track was cleared at 2:30 p. m.

City Prisoner Sees White Dogs in Jail

STONE WALLS AND STEEL BARS NO PROTECTION TO ROSS SEVERN.

"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage," said Dick Lovelace some three hundred years ago and it is still true in Fairmont, as the following instance clearly indicates: Ross Severn, who was brought to jail, suffering with something, no one could explain, in his cell this morning appeared as happy as a boy and insisted on telling the officers that "something was going to happen." Ross also said that big white dogs were jumping through the steel work of his cell and that someone told him that he must kill the big white dogs or they would kill him. He has been choking dogs to death all night and all day long.

The steel which will allow dogs to come right through without leaving a hole is not a prison nor a cage. Ross also says that someone is coming to see him who will not need a key to get in and when he comes he is going to bring him something. The chances in favor of cocaine as the cause of the visions the police say are three to one, while the chances that he is suffering with dementia Point Marion 10 to 1, and the chance that he is crazy 100 to 1. He will be held in jail until physicians can study his case.

Put some new blood in the county government and stop the favoritism. Elect Republican candidates.

OUTSIDE PLANT DEMOLISHED INSIDE OF MINE IS A FURNACE BUT TEN MEN INSIDE AT TIME

Believed That Those Who Are in the Mine Will Be Dead When Rescue Party Reaches Them

PITTSBURGH MINE RESCUE CAR COMING

Fact That Mine Was Not In Operation and That Explosion Occurred During Noon Hour Kept Casualties Down.

A terrific explosion completely wrecking the entire plant of Jamison Mine, No. 7 at Barrackville occurred just after noon today and the ten or more men who are in the mine will likely be dead before a rescue party can reach them.

Both fans and the two cages at the shaft are damaged so badly that it will likely be 48 hours before the rescue party can reach the men. The fire and smoke that is filling the mine and pouring out at the two entrances will suffocate the entrapped miners in case they have not been killed by the explosion.

The exact number of those in the mine had not been determined at a late hour this afternoon. Ordinarily the mine employs more than 200 men on a shift but the past two days has not been worked to full capacity and the men who are now in the shaft were a gang repairing track and brattices.

The cages at the top of the two shafts are so badly twisted and bent by the force of the explosion that the mine officials think that two days time will be required to repair the 350 foot passageway so that a rescue party can enter. The officials have sent to Pittsburgh for the Federal Mine Relief car.

Immediately after the explosion occurred work was started on fan No. 1 in the endeavor to get it in operation and drive fresh air into the mine in the hope of keeping the entrapped miners alive.

The company store room and offices, machine shop, two fan houses, tipples, lamp house and tool house and blacksmith shop are the buildings surrounding the entrances to the shaft and cover perhaps an acre of ground for a distance of a quarter of a mile beside the openings. All of these buildings are of brick except the store room and the roofs, doors and windows were blown from them strutting the ground and roadway with debris a half mile from the openings.

The store building is a complete wreck, doors windows and the roof being blown hundreds of feet away. Despite the force of the explosion none of those working in the store or in the buildings outside the mine were seriously injured. The man operating the large cage which is used to lift the coal cars from the shaft was badly cut and bruised, but it is thought that he will recover. But few persons were near the workings when the explosion occurred, it being the lunch hour when most of the men were at their homes eating.

Within five minutes after the explosion occurred, hundreds of the miners, their wives and children rushed to the plant. Because of the great depth of the shafts the force of the explosion was somewhat lessened when it reached the surface, but even the sound was heard on the hills near Fairmont. As an instance of the terrific blast from the two shafts a piece of wood from one of the wrecked buildings was blown through the radiator of a passing automobile.

According to the rumors among the men about the mine there are twenty or thirty men now in the mine as it is the usual thing to have that many inside even when the plant is not running. The man in the lamp house, however, says but ten lamps had been given out, since morning. But it is possible that some of the men from the night shift who went down late this morning were still inside.

Mine Superintendent Beebever and his men worked hard this afternoon on the small fan that was least injured and it is thought that this will be in operation early this evening. In case this can be done it may be possible to keep some of the men inside alive until the rescue party can reach them.

The mine is burning and flames poured out of Cage No. 1 opening all afternoon, despite the efforts of the men outside to extinguish them with water. The extent of the fire inside is but a matter of conjecture and if any of the men who are entombed are still alive, their safety to a great extent will depend on just how rapidly the fire burns.

The machinery in the engine room is being repaired this afternoon so that the pumps can be started pouring water in the mine in the effort to extinguish the fire. A large tank on the hill above the openings was at most full of water when the explosion occurred and this is being used to fight the flames.

Almost all of the men who are employed at about the mine live in the settlement just across the road from the plant and not more than a quarter of a mile away from the mouth of the shafts. Windows and doors were torn even from these houses.

The news of the explosion reached Fairmont within two or three minutes after it had occurred and the officials at the local office in the Watson building immediately began the work of marshaling the physicians and police of the city and rushed them to the scene of the accident in automobiles. Within half an hour a line of guards encircled the plant keeping the crowd back so those engaged in the rescue and relief preparations might work unhampered.

The majority of the men employed as miners at the plant are foreigners, but it is thought that nearly all of the entombed men are Americans. A party of electricians were at work inside repairing some of the wiring and these were all Americans.

Safety lamps are used in all of the Jamison mines in this region because of the gas that is always more or less present in the workings. The officials at the plant are of the opinion that the explosion and fire is due to dust burning, cause unknown.

MINE RESCUE CAR COMING.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Beside sending a mine rescue car from Pittsburgh to the scene of the explosion in the Jamison Coal and Coke company mine at Barrackville the Bureau of Mines has ordered miners in the vicinity trained in rescue work under bureau supervision to report at the mine as soon as possible. The Jamison mine has an out put of half a million tons a year.

SEVEN MEN WITH CAR

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 19.—Officials of the Pittsburgh station of Bureau of Mines feared when they learned of the Barrackville explosion that they would be unable to send the rescue car to the scene of the accident, but orders which have been given for repairs of the car located here were quickly countermanded and the car with a crew of seven trained men was prepared to leave for Barrackville soon after 3 o'clock.